

(F) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE STATE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN.

(G) "FUND" MEANS THE CHILDREN'S CABINET FUND.

(H) "LEAD AGENCY" MEANS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT IDENTIFIED BY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW OR BY THE LOCAL COORDINATING COUNCIL AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CHILD IN NEED OF RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT OR A CHILD WITH INTENSIVE NEEDS PLAN OF CARE.

(I) "LOCAL COORDINATING COUNCIL" MEANS A LOCAL COUNCIL THAT COORDINATES SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT AND CHILDREN WITH INTENSIVE NEEDS.

(J) "LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD" MEANS AN ENTITY ESTABLISHED OR DESIGNATED BY A COUNTY UNDER ~~SUBTITLE~~ TITLE 2 OF THIS ~~TITLE~~ ARTICLE TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A LOCAL, INTERAGENCY SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

(K) "PUBLIC AGENCY" MEANS A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OR A QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

(L) (1) "RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT" MEANS A PLACEMENT IN:

(I) A HOSPITAL, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN CHILDREN'S CABINET REGULATIONS;

(II) A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER;

(III) A RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL; OR

(IV) ANOTHER OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT AS SPECIFIED IN CHILDREN'S CABINET REGULATIONS.

(2) "RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE A PLACEMENT IN:

(I) A FACILITY ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 83C, § 2-117 OF THE CODE; OR

(II) FOSTER CARE, AS DEFINED IN § 5-501 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.

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IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO PROMOTE A STABLE, SAFE, AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, THEREBY INCREASING SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND FAMILY PRESERVATION, THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED INTERAGENCY APPROACH THAT:

(1) PROVIDES A CONTINUUM OF CARE THAT IS FAMILY- AND CHILD-ORIENTED AND EMPHASIZES PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION, AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES; AND

(2) GIVES PRIORITY TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MOST AT RISK.